



HI-Q

THE LAKEHEAD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB JOURNAL

LARC- Suite 184, 1100C Memorial Ave., Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada, P7B 4A3

VE3FW - LARC call sign - honours the memory of the Founding President - P. J. "Pat" O'Shea

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Keith Fiske	VE3JQ
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LARC EXECUTIVE 2004-2005

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LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS

VE3YQT	MOUNT BALDY	147.060 (-600) FP
VE3TBR	ST. JOSEPH'S	146.820 (-600) FP
		442.075 (+5 MHz)
VE3BGA	HILLCREST H.S.	145.450 (-600)
		(IRLP NODE VA3LU 123.0 Hz)

The Prez Sez:

As I write this it's snowing cats and dogs outside. So what should we do as hams, simple.....go out and operate from the field or set up an antenna.

Usually in my world this involves setting up a QRP station some where, but this weekend, March 5 a bunch of regulars set up for the Sibley 10 / 20 and 50 km. They operated along the 50 km at various locations and with the organizers handed out water, hot chocolate and a lot of encouragement. This is the original "Freeze Your Buns off Outing". You will see more about that later in Hi Q.

Having said it's snowing, and we are expecting a snow fall in excess of 15 cm tonight, now is the time to start to think about the antenna season. Remember, if your antenna did not fall down this winter, it's not big enough.

If you attended the February Dinner meeting you now know that the newest Senator of the LARC is VE3BCD, *Laurie Bridgett*. The Doctor is the go to technician for anything radio, and if he can't fix it its time to give it a decent burial.

We also reactivated the Ham of the Year award. And this year it went to *Terry, VE3LU*. Terry is the guru of VHF and computers here in Thunder Bay.

I would like to congratulate them both as outstanding amateurs and very generous in their time to the LARC. And as well both are good personal friends and mentors to me, you can always go to them and ask a question and get a well thought out answer.

I hope to see you all at the **meeting** this week at **Confederation College, Room 191 in the McIntyre Building at 7:30 on Thursday, March 10**. There will be a speaker on buying and selling on EBay, See you there

Bill
VE3XT

*Minutes of a Meeting of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club
held at the Thunder Bay Country Club,
Thunder Bay, Ontario on February 12, 2005*

The Annual Dinner Meeting of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club was opened at 6:30 pm by the President VE3XT Bill Unger with 36 members and guests in attendance. Following a delicious buffet dinner, a short business meeting was held. The staff at the Thunder Bay Country Club was thanked for their service.

Business Meeting:

Minutes of the last meeting held January 13, 2005

The minutes of the January meeting were published in the February edition of HI-Q.

Motion: moved by VA3LU Terry Stewardson and seconded by VE3EFZ Ken Rusnak that the minutes be accepted as printed. **Carried.**

Correspondence:

- none

Treasurer's Report VE3SNW Ed Baumann (read by VE3XT)

Balance as January 1, 2005		\$3419.10
Expenses	Telephone	44.31
	Advertising for classes	<u>34.00</u>
		79.31
Income	Dues	<u>95.00</u>
		95.00
Balance as of January 31, 2005		\$3,434.79

Motion: moved by VA3LU Terry Stewardson and seconded by VA3MOB Maureen Meredith that the Treasurer's report be accepted. **Carried.**

Silent Keys:

A moment of silence was observed in memory of those amateurs who have become silent keys during the past year.

Words of Thanks:

Joan Klemacki, VE3AJ thanked the members of the Club for their support and help during the past months.

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Amateur of the Year Award:

The Amateur of the Year Award was presented to VA3LU Terry Stewardson for his advice and expertise to the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club as well as it's members. Terry has always been available to answer questions and give valuable advice to all who sought it.

New Senator (Life Member)

The constitution of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club awards life membership to licensed amateurs who have provided outstanding leadership or service to the Club. This honour was conferred to VE3BCD, Laurie Bridgett by the President. Laurie has been there for a whole bunch of years and is affectionately known as the "doctor" to those of us that have required his services. The President also pointed out that we will no longer have to convince Laurie to pay his dues.

Flowers:

Unable to attend this meeting, VA3EAP Judy Artist wanted to thank the person who sent her flowers while she was recently under the weather.

Adjournment:

moved by VE3ATC Leo Wehrstedt and seconded by VE3ZG Mike Nawrocki that the meeting be adjourned. **Carried.**

Door Prizes:

door prizes were won by VE3AJ, VE3MJN, VA3PP and VE3MCZ.

50/50 Draw:

winner of the 50/50 draw was VE3MJN, Marion Nawrocki.

Guest Speaker:

The guest speaker for this meeting was Ted Bronson, president of the local astronomy club. Ted was introduced as an "out of this world" speaker. His power point presentation was entitled "Our Dynamic Sun" which included photographs he had taken of the northern lights as well as sun spots. The presentation was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Thanks Again to Norm Bell VE3XRC

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Bill Waino

A member of the local ham fraternity became a silent key last month. Bill VE3LMV passed away on February 11, 2005.

I was fortunate enough to meet Bill in 1972 as a newbie student at Confederation College, in the Electronics Technician course.

We were lucky enough to have some great teachers back then, but they were all ex military and had a “different” teaching style. Then it was called it, “You go figure it out for your self, or you fail!” It seems that’s not politically correct nowadays.

After a lesson in solid state devices, digital logic (which was brand spanking new back then), or a wave propagating in the horizontal mode through a wave guide, and not understanding any of the above, there was only one thing to do. Go see Bill.

He was a very calm and approachable technician who when presented with a problem or question would think for a moment and say, “It works like this”.

A few minutes later you would nod and say “Ok I got it”.

He was also the eternal optimist. If you dropped a meter on the floor and it smashed into a million pieces he would say no problem, I think we can salvage some of the precision resistors.

When he retired from the college as an instructor he taught at the 55 Plus Center enabling older adults to explore and enjoy computers. He was also very active in the Thunder Bay Naval Association.

Bill was one of those gifted people who not only knew how to teach but knew what he was teaching. I for one will miss him.

73's Bill

From Jim O'Brian VE3UA

Vintage Radios By the Score -

<http://www.smithsonianmag.si.edu/smithsonian/issues97/feb97/radio.html>

Interesting photos and some good links.





***Editor Says:** Thanks to Leo Wehrstedt for the great pix of 1.Ted Bronson-Speaker
2.New Senator Laurie Bridgett with President Bill Unger 3.Amateur of the Year-Terry
Stewardson*

Thanks to Bill Unger and Norm Bell for their contributions, and see you at the

Meeting on Thursday March 10

Confederation College, Room 191 in the McIntyre Building at 7:30

Glen Wallace VE3ICY